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Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes and Homicide Detectives Arrest Repeat Offender

Albuquerque, NM- Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes and Homicide Detectives recently arrested 29-year-old Luis Ornelas-Robles for felon in possession of a firearm, receiving or transferring a stolen motor vehicle, tampering with evidence, and resisting, evading, or obstructing an officer. These charges stem from a recent homicide which occurred a few months prior. Ornelas-Robles has a lengthy criminal history in Bernalillo County.

On July 28, 2022, deputies responded to a shooting at the 7-11 gas station at 4321 Coors Blvd SW in reference to a fight where a male, identified as Guadalupe Sandoval, was shot and killed. Investigators later determined Luis Ornelas-Robles to be the individual who shot Sandoval. The investigation showed that Ornelas-Robles was in possession of Sandoval's stolen truck when Sandoval approached him, armed with a gun, and they both engaged in a gunfight. Due to the case's circumstances, investigators could not charge Ornelas-Robles with murder.

Ornelas-Robles has been booked into the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC) 12 times since 2014. He is a convicted felon with dozens of charges of failure to appear, probation violations, and failure to comply with conditions of release. Additional charges include larceny, shoplifting, resisting an officer, aggravated battery (great bodily harm), tampering with evidence, possession of a firearm by a felon, concealing identity, leaving the scene of an accident, and numerous charges for unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and receiving and transferring a stolen motor vehicle. He is currently in custody at MDC and has a hearing scheduled for this November after entering a not-guilty plea for his most recent arrest.

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office Detectives do a great job investigating these violent crimes and should be commended for their hard work.



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